

Existing agencies who have been conducting pre-school programs will continue to do so and will receive funds directly. However, it is expected that they will be represented on the Pre-School Council in terms of guidance, etc. (STL)

It was agreed that budgets should be attached to proposals. Regarding the proposal not being readable, Mr. Tyson pointed out that all work had been done on a voluntary basis, using equipment from various sources, and that this should not be a reason for not approving the proposal.

The Council of Puerto Rican Organizations wrote letters to the Board urging adoption of the pre-school Council proposal. (Letter attached to the minutes.)

Msgr. Hourihan, Co-Chairman of the Education Task Force, wrote a letter regarding the proposal of the Pre-School Council and some questions were raised, as previously stated in these minutes. (Copy of letter is attached to the minutes.)

There was general discussion regarding the Monsignor's concern. It was agreed that proposals should be submitted to task force at least one week prior to their meeting to discuss and approve proposals.

OTHER PROPOSALS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION: Small Business Development Center Proposal; Blazer Council Training Program; Conduct & Administration Proposal; and Mt. Carmel Guild Work Training.

It was pointed out that the area boards are represented on Education Task Force, Employment Task Force, Small Business Development Committee, Arts and Culture Committee, Special Projects Committee, Tutorial and Remediation, and, in addition, the Board of Education has agreed to have representatives from the area boards on its personnel committee to hire staff for head start. The Chairman of the Area Boards have been asked to serve since there was no time to meet to vote to select their representatives.

It was unanimously agreed that the Board of Education should be commended for their action.

INSURANCE: In terms of UCC employees being covered by health insurance, it was pointed out that in order to get a group plan there must be ten or more employees. There was a motion for UCC to pay premiums for those three employees who had Blue Cross and Blue Shield prior to coming on staff, until such time as the Personnel Committee comes up with a proposal or until such time as we can get a group plan. Motion was passed unanimously.

UNITED COMMUNITY CORPORATION

Executive Committee

124 Branford Place

Newark, N. J.

May 17, 1965

Present: Rabbi Jonathan J. Prinz, Vice President, Presiding; Francis Quillan, Timothy Still, Msgr. Richard McGuinness, for Msgr. Joseph Dooling, Miss Hilda Hidalgo, Gilbert Hunsinger for Peter V. R. Schuyler, Sidney Reitman, Zain Matos, visitor; Cyril D. Tyson, Fleming Jones and Beatrice Easley.

REPORT OF DIRECTOR: Mr. Tyson reported that the arts and cultural program had begun to organize. He has met with Teamster Local 97 on an apprenticeship training program with the possibility of their being prime contractor. A proposal is being prepared and area board people will be involved.

STAFF: Interviewing is going on in terms of adding to present staff.

Area Boards: Area Boards I and III have space. The contracts with the landlords will be presented to the Board for approval.

PROPOSALS: Proposals ready for consideration by UCC Board are Queen of Angels remediation program; Seton Hall Head Start for junior high school students; long-range pre-school program, sponsored by the Newark Pre-School Council. These proposals were approved by the Education Task Force. The first two passed with minor suggestions regarding budget changes. A number of serious questions were raised regarding the pre-school council: should there be such a council in Newark since UCC is supposed to direct all programs? who determines whether or not the groups might want to develop a pre-school program, can they be funded? what about existing agencies who have pre-school programs? the proposal was not readable because it had been run off poorly; budget was not attached.

Pre-School: Mr. Tyson explained that the Pre-School Council came into existence because it was felt that an over-all pre-school program for the City would be better in terms of truly benefiting those people the anti-poverty program was designed to reach. Rather than have pre-school centers sponsored by several groups, it is better to have one large group and one that is truly representative of all Newark on its governing body and its membership. UCC cannot physically conduct all programs it funds.

In terms of whether or not the group is truly representative, it will not receive funds if its membership and board of trustees is not representative of all segments of Newark's population.

the annual meeting will be presented to the Board of Trustees on Thursday.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Beatrice V. Easley
Secretary to UCC Board

RE-ALLOCATION Mr. Tyson reported that \$37,000 was available for re-OF FUNDS: allocation. He requested a reallocation of \$30,275. for hiring of staff to develop a senior citizens program and for Spanish speaking community action organizer. It was suggested that the Board of Trustees would have to approve such a reallocation and then submit to the regional office of the OEO a request.

BOARD TRUSTEES It was suggested that members of the Board of Trustees be called to remind them of the meeting on Thursday. In MEETING: addition, those proposals that are ready should be sent out with a covering memo. Those proposals not available for mail will be available at 7:00 on Thursday and can be reviewed prior to the meeting.

MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting of May 10 should be amended to read that the insurance policies covering Workmens' Compensation and Liability Insurance are indication of kind of coverage and cost of premiums and that a letter is not necessary.

REPORT OF PERSONNEL Mr. Quillan reported that the Sub-Committee on Personnel COMMITTEE: selection would meet on Thursday. He also reported that another CPA firm was interested in handling our account. He said that they would be interviewed on Thursday.

REPORTS: Mr. Quillan suggested that reports to the Executive Committee be in writing so that those members not present and the Board of Trustees can receive copies and be more fully informed of what is going on.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING: It was recommended that the Membership Committee call a meeting to get people to take attendance and to act as ushers at the annual meeting. It was also recommended that Miss Hidalgo serve as Spanish translator at the meeting.

It was pointed out that West Kinney School auditorium has seating space for approximately 900 people. It was suggested that perhaps the gymnasium could also be used in the event the auditorium became crowded. It was also suggested that perhaps a classroom could be used as a nursery in the event some parents had to bring their children. Since Mrs. Arons is a member of the Board of Education, it was decided to ask her to find out if we can use the gymnasium for overflow, and a classroom and a teacher. In addition, the gymnasium has to be wired so that there will be a microphone and speakers.

Mr. Still reported that he had contacted the Police Precinct near West Kinney Junior High School and that there will be policemen covering the meeting.

Rabbi Prinz suggested that UCC Officers be seated on the stage and that place cards be provided. Procedures for conducting

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SETON HALL UNIVERSITY
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Special Education

May 14, 1965

Mr. Cyril Tyson
Executive Director
United Community Corporation
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Dear Mr. Tyson:

The last meeting of the Education Committee pointed up the need to establish procedural rules and the importance of giving this committee a definite structure.

As chairman, I was surprised and chagrined that a proposal for a pre-school program that will cost the United Community Corporation \$2,500,000 was submitted without copies of the budget for the committee members.

As you know, this particular pre-school proposal was hastily put together even though much hard work had been put into it by the generous people who are interested in it. However, the written proposal was poorly reduplicated and lacking organization in the order of its components. Consequently, it was difficult for the committee to read or to follow when Mrs. Andrades was making her presentation. The impression left with the committee was that the proposal was being pushed without regard for the committee. After the meeting there were some comments about "railroading" and a "rubber stamp committee." If such feelings become widespread, the effectiveness of our committee will be reduced.

I suggest that all future proposals follow a definite form which should be established by our committee. This will facilitate the reading of each proposal by the committee.

Also I suggest that these proposals be in our hands one week before our meeting so that adequate study can be made of each proposal thereby insuring the best comments and suggestions from our members and eliminating five-hour meetings such as the last one.

Mr. Cyril Tyson

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Moreover, we have not been able to have the minutes of the last two meetings read because Mrs. Easley, whom you appointed to be secretary, has been so busy that she has not been able to re-write them for presentation. If minutes cannot be provided before the next meeting, it will be necessary to provide some means to offset this difficulty.

Finally, the organization presenting the \$2,500,000 proposal stacked the meeting with some members of their corporation who have not been to previous Education Committee meetings. Am I to expect this from every other organization at future meetings.

Moreover, should not all the area boards be represented at each of our meetings? Also should not the vote on proposals be restricted to regular members of the committee who faithfully attend meetings in order to combat poverty through education?

You know of my keen interest in your efforts to battle poverty. Consequently, you will understand the reason for this letter and the request for an immediate reply.

Asking God to bless your efforts to help the poor of Newark, I am

Sincerely yours,

s/s

Very Rev. Msgr. John P. Hourihan
Chairman
Education Committee of the
United Community Corporation

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COUNCIL OF PUERTO RICAN ORGANIZATIONS
NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

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May 14, 1965

Board Members
United Community Corporation

Dear Board Member:

On May 20th the Pre-School Council will present for your approval a pre-school program that will benefit all the poor young children of Newark.

We want to urge you to approve this proposal because we feel that it is the best way to begin the battle against poverty.

The Puerto Rican community feels proud and excited because for the first time we were significantly consulted and listened to. Never before have we participated so actively in a community-wide project. Civic groups, social organizations, churches of all denominations covering a broad representation of the Spanish-speaking community have cooperated for the first time in one of the first rays of real hope that we have had since we migrated to Newark. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

s/s Angel Torres
President

s/s Samuel Arroyo
Vice-President

s/s Hilda Hidalgo
Secretary

s/s Luis Morales
Treasurer

s/s Amadeao Bermudez
Member, Executive Committee